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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

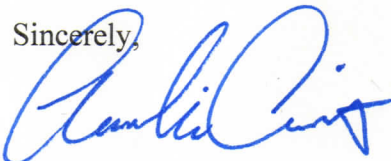
Dear Governor DeSantis:

Today, June 1st, marks the beginning of Pride Month. Pride is about acceptance, unity, healing, and most importantly, that love conquers hate. It is the celebration of a people, historically marginalized, renewing their faith in themselves and their community. In these unprecedented and challenging times of illness, discord, economic insecurity, and deeply disquieting racial injustice, we are unfortunately unable to gather in person this year to celebrate Pride.

With the cancellation of St. Pete Pride – the largest Pride parade in the southeastern United States – I ask that you consider sending a message of hope to all Floridians by lighting up the Sunshine Skyway in rainbow colors. This small but meaningful action would bring goodwill and optimism to my constituents and the entire State of Florida at a time when we need it most. It would be a thoughtful way we can all safely mark the occasion and send the message that regardless of race, creed, religion, color, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we are all in this together.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued service to our state during this crisis.

Sincerely,



Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN